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LEGACY OF THE WAR.

ON EVERY SIDE business and industrial conditions are at sixes and sevens. The jumble arising from failure of the Democratic administration to prepare for peace in making greater complications wherever wages and living expenses are involved. The price-fixing policy of the administration has been demonstrated to be a gigantic failure with a jagged sequel that benefits only one class of producers while paralyzing every other industry. The farmer is reveling in wealth created by the pledge of the party in power to pay exorbitant prices for all farm products. There has been no coordination of effort to restore the pre-war parity of labor and cost of living and the result has been to force a crisis which all efforts of the bureaucrats at Washington have failed to avert. With the high cost of living remaining in the ascendant it is natural that wages should be higher than the business of the country can stand. This sequel is seen in the prostration of building enterprise, the crippling of new investments and the general timidity of capital to venture into fresh undertakings. The mining industry is one that has to bear the brunt of the shock for the depreciation of industrial metals has closed hundreds of mines which cannot find a market for their products. Copper has sustained a shock from which it will take years to recover. Food products are held at fictitious values and the products of ranches and farms are maintained at prohibitory prices far beyond the reach of the average consumer. The most notable example of this artificial state of price-fixing is found in the action of the government in refusing to place at command of consumers millions of pounds of beef and packing house products bought in anticipation of prolonged hostilities. While the government was warranted in storing up enormous stocks of these commodities there cannot be found any excuse for not offering these goods on the open market for the benefit of the consumer instead of entering into a contract with the packing house magnates to carry the surplus accumulations and dole them out in such manner that they will not result in any interference with their present day profits. In this way the government enters into a partnership with the packers that has for its object the penalizing of the working classes and the impoverishment of labor. The law of supply and demand does not warrant a continuance of these prices and the sooner congress takes hold of this price-fixing system the better it will be for all concerned.

In this way employers have been forced into establishing stores where they hope to secure the lowest possible prices for the actual necessities of life and thus aid materially in combating the unwholesome principle of safeguarding the food producers. The latter have had their way in profiteering and it is time that a halt was called in forcing swollen war schedules on consumers who find existing wages are out of parity with the cost of living. In Grass Valley recently there was an apt illustration of the evils brought about by an extravagant war administration. The men struck for an advance of pay on the ground that storekeepers were charging excessive prices for foodstuffs that should have been available at 20 to 30 per cent less than what they were compelled to pay. After two weeks' lost interchanging ideas the mine operators conceded the truth of the situation and adopted provisions for making a sweeping cut in the cost of living by eliminating the middleman and the retailer through establishing a joint store conducted on the best principles of co-operation between employer and employee. The former furnished the capital and the latter secured the benefit of a reduction that placed them at once in a much better position than before. This is merely the application of well known methods that may be found applicable to the conditions in Tonopah. A study of the charges exacted by local merchants shows that the consumers of this camp are paying out of all proportion to the costs obtaining in the nearest jobbing centers. While freight rates are high they do not absorb the difference and it would be a salutary lesson for the mine operators to get together and devise ways and means for readjusting the cost of living.

ONCE MORE THE DIVIDE.

THE LAST VESTIGE of skepticism was wiped out by the knowledge that the Tonopah Divide has cut the ledge on the lowest level with returns corresponding with those on the upper crosscuts where values ranged from ordinary commercial ore to fabulous figures. This sets at rest all doubts regarding the permanency of orebodies in that district and will serve as a spur to all other companies to prosecute with greater energy the work of sinking and development. The event was anticipated for several days and was reflected in the market which showed unusual strength. In local circles there was no surprise over the intelligence which was confidently anticipated, but in other quarters, notably in the east the discovery proved the disillusionment of those who had always argued that the enrichment of the big Divide company would shrink with depth—if it did not disappear altogether and the result will be that the eastern investors will begin to sit up and take notice of the district carrying such positive results. The facts disclosed yesterday in the workings of the Tonopah Divide were already accepted by New York and Boston capital as a foregone conclusion since it was known a week ago that a change was coming in and that any shot might reveal the ledge. On this account largely trading in Belcher which is recognized as the pet eastern stock became lively on Broad street during the day and quotations shot up on the theory that a mine located between such bonanzas as the Divide Extension and the Tonopah Divide could not fail to show eventually the same enrichment. The east has been holding

aloof from this market but a few more strikes will bring the millions of idle capital from that quarter to the Divide where the chances of enormous profits are so strikingly manifest.

An editorial reference yesterday to the first company contributing to the treasury of the Divide-Tonopah Chamber of Mines should have credited the amount to the Divide Annex and not the Allied Divide as the type made it appear. The Annex is directed by Mark R. Averill who is president of the company. He is also treasurer of the Chamber of Mines and his example will serve to bring other companies into the running. The action of Judge Averill's company will have great influence in causing other companies to contribute since some of them were disinclined on the ground that company funds could not be expended for anything but actual mining. The Annex contribution emphasizes the belief of President and Judge Averill that expenditures designed to benefit the company may legitimately be employed for publicity.

AMUSEMENTS

WILLIAM RUSSELL AT BUTLER THEATER TODAY

William Russell, the popular athletic actor, has a big swift moving outdoor drama in "Where the West Begins" which will be shown at the Butler today. It is produced by William Russell's own company under the direction of Henry King and distributed by Pathe.

"Where the West Begins" is a wholesome comedy-drama. In the principal supporting roles, with Mr. Russell are Eileen Percy, J. Cullen Landis, Frederick Vroom, Carl Stockdale and Alfred Ferguson. The story is of an eastern lad, who is duty shown by a frisk westerner, that life is just what you make it. The action of the story transpires first in little Old Noo Yawk and later in the great out-of-doors, the glorious west. Twenty-eight hundred cattle fording a deep western stream is one of the unique scenes in this production, which is also brimful of snappy laughable situations deftly woven together. Added to the feature today will be the latest Pathe News.

Tomorrow Alice Brady in "Life's Whirlpool" and Daring Ruth Roland in "The Tiger's Trail" a picture filled with thrill, adventure, love, cowboys, bandits, hard riding and hair-raising situations. Remember, Charlie Chaplin will be here on Saturday in "Police".

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A citation to show cause for the suspension of telephone service in this state and why it should not be resumed at once will be issued to the Bell Telephone Company of Nevada at once, according to a statement made by Public Service Commissioner W. H. Simmons. The company, under the law, has ten days in which to file an answer and while it is possible that the strike may end by that time the company will be compelled to defend itself before the commission.

CARSON LADY STRICKEN

Mrs. D. N. Brule, one of the pioneer ladies of this city, suffered a severe stroke of paralysis yesterday. Her daughter, Mrs. Brannon, is also ill at the same home.

It was stated that Mrs. Brule shows very little improvement and that her condition is serious. This is indeed sad news to the many Carson people who have known the lady and the family during their long residence in this city.—Carson News.

When you find you have made a wrong decision, think of how many the courts make and cheer up.

CITY SWIMMING POOL

Notice is hereby given that the swimming pool will be opened for children daily from 1 to 5 o'clock during which hours no adults will be admitted. Adults will find the bath available during the morning and from 5 to 10 o'clock in the evening. The management has set aside Thursday from 9 to noon for ladies day.

—A. M. 1919

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